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Noyes et al.
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Title: DOMESTIC FABRIC ARTICLE REFRESHMENT IN INTEGRATED CLEANING AND TREATMENT PROCESS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 3, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the amendments and accompanying remarks while examining the application.

AMENDMENTSIn The Specification

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Page 4, lines 15-25, please replace the paragraph with the following paragraph:

The present invention encompasses a process for treating fabric articles, comprising the steps of:

- (a) in a first laundering appliance, washing a load of fabric articles in the presence of a predominant fluid and at least one cleaning composition comprising a surfactant;
- (b) in said first laundering appliance, at least partially removing said cleaning composition from said load of fabric articles;
- (c) in said first laundering appliance, at least one step of treating said load of fabric articles with a fabric article refreshment composition in the presence of a lipophilic cleaning fluid;